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## The Best & Worst of 1975

HEREWITH our prejudiced guide to the year just interred. If readers have additional suggestions we will be glad to publish the best of them in the next issue:

INDIVIDUALS WHO REALLY DID SOMETHING FOR THE CITY: JOE DAVIS and TED OVERMAN of the Citywide Housing Coalition. . . GILBERT HAHN, who won another law suit for the people with his case demanding that the city pay for watermain breaks in front of citizen's homes. . . JIM VITERELLO of DC PIRG. . . THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE ANC TASKFORCES. . . REP. DON FRASER, who introduced the ANC legislation in Congress.

LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO REALLY DID SOMETHING FOR THE CITY: THE SEVEN MEMBER MAJORITY OF THE DC BOARD OF EDUCATION. . . THE CITY COUNCIL, which did less than it should have but at least served as a bottle of Airwick on the malodorous fifth floor of the District Building. Particularly MARION BARRY, POLLY SHACKLETON, JULIUS HOBSON, DAVID CLARKE and many CITY COUNCIL STAFF MEMBERS. Overachiever of the year: JIM COATES, who was an unimpressive member of the school board but who has been voting with the best of them. Useful despite their voting records: ARRINGTON DIXON and JOHN WILSON. No More Bullshit Award: JULIUS HOBSON & JOHN WILSON. Most Professional Legislator: POLLY SHACKLETON. Hamlet Award: MARION BARRY.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT REALLY DID SOMETHING FOR THE CITY: THE CITYWIDE HOUSING COALITION and all its member groups. . . THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMITTEE and the various ward task forces. . . DC PIRG for its work on redlining and other consumer issues.

PEOPLE YOU WON'T MISS: JACKSON GRAHAM, BARBARA SIZEMORE, SAMUEL SCRIVENER, JUDGE EDWARD BEARD, C. FRANCES MURPHY, JACK NEVIUS.

PEOPLE IT WOULD BE NICE TO ADD TO THE LIST ABOVE: JULIAN DUGAS, WALTER WASHINGTON, CHARLIE DIGGS, THOMAS EAGLETON, STERLING TUCKER, JOE YELDELL, GEORGE ALLEN.

THE BEST OF JOURNALISM: The all new WASHINGTON STAR with a special award for superior trivia to THE EAR. . . THE WASHINGTONIAN'S ARTICLE ON WASHINGTON LAWYERS AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYE OF THEIR SECRETARIES. . . MYRA MCPHERSON for her "Power Lovers."

THE WORST OF JOURNALISM: THE WASHINGTON POST for its handling of the strike and for hiring Jerry Wilson as a columnist.

UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS: HOUSING SPECULATION. . . THE LACK OF A HOUSING OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT policy for the city. . . METRO. . . THE CITY'S BUDGET CRISIS including the problems of overstaffing and unfunded pension commitments. . . AIR POLLUTION. . . JOBS. . . PUBLIC HEALTH. . . The abominable situation at DC JAIL. . . McLEAN GARDENS. . . POOR TAXI SERVICE.

THE WORST LOCAL AGENCIES: DC JAIL. . . DC GENERAL. . . CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFICE. . . METRO. . . THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

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## A Big Leap for Statehood

THE STATEHOOD movement took a major step forward last month with the introduction of a statehood bill in the city council by Julius Hobson Sr. To the surprise of longtime statehood supporters, the bill was cosponsored by 10 members of the council (only Polly Shackleton said no. Doug Moore was absent).

Obviously, the mistreatment of the city by Capitol Hill in this first year of home rule has had an impact on local officials. Although some may be merely using the statehood issue as a way of getting back at Congress, the bill's broad support in the council marks a major change in the battle for statehood. Perhaps most surprising of all were Walter Washington's remarks when asked about the bill at a news conference. Although he expressed strong reservations his reaction was far friendlier than statehood supporters had expected. His comments are worth quoting in part:

"That's a very interesting concept. . . My concern, as it has been, first is whether or not it involves chopping the city up. You know how hard I fought the enclave and I think that from an economic and political standpoint any chopping up in terms of delivery of services is something to watch very carefully. The second is what role the federal payment has in this whole projection. . . But I think it's an interesting concept. . . You know after my last two weeks I've got more feeling for it. . . You go through what I have in the last couple of weeks and it makes you stop and look very carefully at anything new. So I want to look at it very carefully. . . Very interesting concept and interesting bill."

The mass council support of the bill (number 1-1776) was still a secret to the readers of the city's colonial dailies as of Dec. 19. You'd think they could have found the space. Here are some of the bill's major provisions:

- One hundred and twenty days after the effective date of the act the mayor is authorized and directed to conduct a referendum on the issue of statehood and conduct an election for delegates to represent the electors at a constitutional convention.
- A federal enclave is designated as the federal district. The rest of the city would become the State of Columbia.
- Upon adoption of the referendum proposition, ratification of a constitution and the approval of Congress and the president, the new state would be admitted to the union on an equal footing with the other states and enjoy the same rights and privileges as all the other states.
- Subject to the referendum, a statehood commission would be formed to actively support and press the movement for statehood for the city.
- Subject to the referendum, a statehood compact commission would be formed to conduct a study of the necessary legislative or administrative actions that must be taken to create the new state.

If you believe locally elected officials should run the city and not Tom Eagleton and Charles Diggs, write members of the city council and tell them you support statehood for DC.

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**THE BEST LOCAL AGENCY: THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**QUIET SERVICE TO THE CITY: ALL THE LITTLE CO-OPS AROUND TOWN. . . THE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNIONS. . . DC CITIZENS FOR BETTER PUBLIC EDUCATION. . . THE URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP. . . GALLAUDET COLLEGE. . . WHUR, WAMU, WETA, WGMS, WGTB. . . FEDERAL CITY COLLEGE. . . METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR. . . THE UNITED BLACK FUND. . . DC PROJECT ON COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE. . . NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD. . . GRAY PANTHERS. . . WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN. . . NEIGHBORS INC. . . THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCILS. . . ADAMS MORGAN ORGANIZATION. . . ALL SOUL'S. . . PRIDE. . . THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOME. . . CITYSCAPE MAGAZINE.**

**BIG HOPES OF 1976: VINCENT REED. . . The planned PACIFICA RADIO STATION. . . THE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS.**

**MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR HIGH OFFICE AFTER THE WALTERS, STERLING, MARION AND DOUG FINISH EACH OTHER OFF: ARRINGTON DIXON.**

**THINGS PEOPLE AREN'T THINKING ENOUGH ABOUT: A TAX ON NON-REAL ESTATE PROPERTY SUCH AS STOCKS & BONDS. . . THE POTENTIAL OF OUR WATERFRONT. . . THE FACT THAT THE TREE-LINED STREETS OF WASHINGTON ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING LESS SO. . . ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH CRIME AND CIVIL DISPUTES. . . NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. . . STREETCARS.**

**SAD LOSS OF 1975: CONSTANCE GREEN, who cared and wrote about local history when few did, set a high standard for those who have now become interested, and who was a brilliant and delightful individual.**

**OFFICIAL HYPE OF THE YEAR: The public school's STICK UP FOR BREAKFAST program.**

**IMPORTANT PROBLEM FINALLY GETTING ATTENTION: CHILD ABUSE.**

**PEOPLE TO WATCH OUT FOR IN 1976: Developer OLIVER CARR. . . Congressional overlords THOMAS EAGLETON & CHARLES DIGGS. . . Development & real estate lawyers from LINOWES & BLOCHER and WILKES & ARTIS. . . STERLING TUCKER. . . Washington Technical Institute President CLEVELAND DENARD.**

**SAD FAREWELLS: VIRGINIA MORRIS. . . RAY KEMP. . . WARNER WOLF. . . SONNY JURGENSON.**

**GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPENED ANYWAY: THE FAILURE OF THE EFFORT TO REPEAL THE FEDERAL ENCLAVE.**

**BEST BILLS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: Bills to CLOSE DOWN INCINERATOR #5. . . SUPPORT OF THE FARMWORKERS STRIKE. . . APPROVE A PROFESSIONALS TAX. . . LOWER THE AGE OF MAJORITY TO 18. . . CUT THE MAYOR'S BUDGET.**

**LOW MOMENTS AT THE CITY COUNCIL: THE FAILURE TO PASS A POT BILL. . . THE INTERFERENCE IN THE SIZEMORE FRACAS. . . THE BILL TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY OF DC. . . THE ANC POWERS BILL.**

**CONSTITUENT SERVICE AWARD: JOHN WARREN for alerting us to the problem of Capitol Hill residents letting their dogs poop on the playground of John Tyler School.**

WE are reliably informed that President Ford was on an escalator in a federal building that broke down. He was trapped for an hour and a half.

From the same source we learn that Betty Ford has come up with a birth control device to use with Gerry. She gives him a piece of gum.

## The Post strike

WHAT THE POST STRIKE comes down to is a question of whether Ms. Graham's profit margin is more important than the livelihood of the pressmen. If the pressmen get busted at the Post (which, it appears, has been management's plan all along) it's just about the end of the line for them. They perceived this early and a few reacted with an anger which if not admirable was at least understandable. They knew that some would lose their jobs soon and, once the union was destroyed or weakened, others would follow. It's happened to pressmen in other cities. They know it because some of them were there.

In this non-industrial town where a good portion of the workforce is protected by the largesse of public expenditures from the effects of recessions and other traumas of the economic system, the plight of the pressmen is so atypical as to make their battle a far lonelier one than it would be in a city where blue-collar union employment is more widespread. This is, after all, the city that has decided for the nation that 8% unemployment is an acceptable price to pay for what is known in the press as "economic recovery."

The pressmen are being asked to join the expendables for the sake of the Post's profit. This is a totally unreasonable demand even if perceived, as the Post unit of the Newspaper Guild apparently does, as fit punishment for the damage to the presses and discriminatory practices by the pressmen's union.

The Post is engaging in strike-breaking tactics that in days when more liberals were less affluent would have brought strong support for the union. But now the Post's cold-blooded economic violence against the pressmen is condoned in many quarters because the pressmen failed to defend their survival in a sufficiently polite manner. It's a poor excuse for throwing someone out of work.

The boycott of the Post should be supported not because the pressmen are blameless, but because the Post could have settled this matter with a modicum of good faith but didn't even try. The attitude of the Post management comes out of a long tradition of capitalistic arrogance that puts profits ahead of people. It is an attitude that should not be encouraged.

The Post has made a big issue of its right to publish. We also have a right -- to read what we want. And we would prefer that our fifteen cents did not go to a paper that treated its workers with such a lack of decency and fairplay. If you would like to do more to help the striking pressmen, send a contribution to Post Unions United, 1900 L NW, room 708 (659-9827).

## The Price of Speculation

FOR YEARS many in this city have been fighting against housing speculation as one of the most disruptive and destructive forces at work in DC. Housing speculation was one of the problems that was uppermost in our minds when the Gazette was started ten years ago as the Capitol East Gazette. Then, the Capitol Hill area was the prime target. In the intervening years the disease has spread to much of the city; its effects are being felt in Northwest's Burleith and Far NE's Deanwood.

Now, for the first time, there may be something done. Several members of the city council have proposed the creation of a transfer tax -- a high tax on profits from housing sold after being held for only a short period of time. This is an idea that was first put forth here by the Gazette several years ago. It is not a new idea; it has been tried elsewhere, as in Vermont, and it works. Councilmembers Marion Barry, David Clarke and Nadine Winter are among those working for enactment of such a tax.

As part of the legislative homework that must be done before passage of such an important measure, Marion Barry's committee on finance and revenue has done analysis of what has happened in this city over a two year period (October 1972-September 1974) in real estate speculation. Five neighborhoods where speculation is most rampant were looked at closely. The results of that report, prepared under the direction of committee staff member Virginia LoJacono, tells the story better than any rhetoric, so we quote excerpts:

Speculation is going on all over the city. Analysis of sales data revealed that speculation was occurring in at least 16 out of 56 neighborhoods. Five neighborhoods contained a disproportionate number

of speculative sales and together represented over 69% of all multiple sales.

Citywide, two or more sales of the same property accounted for approximately 21% of all sales taking place. (From October, 1972 through September, 1974 there were 8,367 sales, 1798 sales pertained to properties sold twice and 87 sales to properties sold three times.)

The typical speculative transaction is completed, from acquisition to sale, in 6.3 months. (Note that if a property is owned for six months, one-half of the gain

## 1975 Council Rating

Listed below is the Gazette rating of the 1975 voting record of members of the city council. The percentages are derived by dividing the total of good votes by the total number of votes at which a member was present and voting:

### THE BEST

|                  |     |
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| JULIUS HOBSON    | 71% |
| DOUG MOORE       | 67% |
| DAVID CLARKE     | 66% |
| JAMES COATES     | 65% |
| POLLY SHACKLETON | 62% |
| MARION BARRY     | 62% |

### MIXED PERFORMANCE

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|-----------------|-----|
| NADINE WINTER   | 59% |
| WILLIE HARDY    | 58% |
| ARRINGTON DIXON | 55% |
| JOHN WILSON     | 55% |

### THE WORST

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| WILLIAM SPAULDING | 49% |
| STERLING TUCKER   | 44% |
| JERRY MOORE       | 44% |

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## Subway Costs May Revive The Trolley

By Thomas Crosby  
Washington Star Staff Writer

Efforts by the Urban Mass Transit Administration to cut the costs of the Washington area's new Metrorail system could lead to disruption of construction schedules and the substitution of trolley lines for rapid rail in the suburbs.

IN MARCH 1972, the DC Gazette proposed the revival of trolley service in DC. Frankly, many of our readers thought we had gone a little nuts. But in the years since, more and more cities in this country and abroad have come to realize the advantages of light rail transit and today the streetcar is making a big comeback.

JUST ONE MORE REASON our motto is "The News Before It Happens" There are others. The Gazette was the first publication to propose bikeways for DC. It was first to expose the Eisenhower Convention Center, National Visitors Center and Urban Development Corporation boondoggles.

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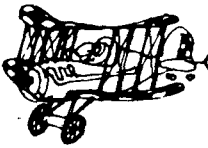
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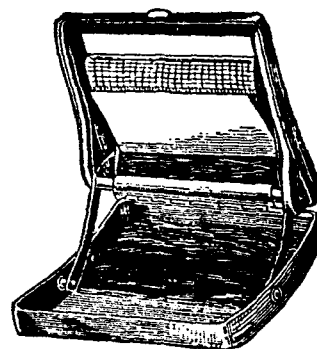
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from the sale is tax free.) Other interesting facts about holding patterns revealed by the sales records are:

- that the shortest transaction took place in one day and the longest in 20 months;
- that 14% of all speculative transactions were completed in less than one month; and
- that almost 80% of all speculative transactions were completed in less than one month; and
- that almost 80% of all speculative transactions were completed within 10 months or less.

Property is either bought as a place to live or as an investment. In neighborhoods where property is acquired as a place of residence, total annual sales activity is low and multiple sales of the same property rare and isolated. But, in neighborhoods where housing is acquired for investment, total sales are high and multiple sales of the same property a significant portion of the total. For example, of the 50 neighborhoods which had any sales activity during the two year period studied, only 17 had total sales of 150 or more. (6 neighborhoods had no sales.) Moreover, all but one of these 17 neighborhoods had ratios of multiple sales to total sales of at least 10% or higher. One of the neighborhoods, located in Wards 6 and 2, contained 26% of the city's total sales and 43% of the city's multiple sales. Four other neighborhoods, together, contained 26% of the city's total sales and 26% of all multiple sales of the same property.

There are several ways to analyze the monetary gains involved in speculative transactions: (1) on a transaction basis as a percentage of the original purchase price; (2) as a yearly profit or rate of return; and (3) by frequency of certain profit ranges. Taken together, these measures provide a well balanced indication of profit trends.

The third analysis of gain figures revealed the most meaningful statistics. It showed:

- that gains of 40-54% per transaction were the most common;
- that 43% of all transactions involved gains of 80% or more; and
- that 11% of all transactions involved gains of 200% or more.

Profit or gain figures would be meaningless without some measure of the capital investment made over and above acquisition cost. The largest additional item of investment is an improvement, major repair or alteration to the property.

To assess whether rehabilitation was a significant component of speculative investment multiple sales [in five neighborhoods] were cross referenced with building permits. Specifically, the building permit files were checked to ascertain: (1) what percentage of the properties were in any way improved, repaired or altered prior to resale, and (2) what percentage were actually rehabilitated prior to resale.

The files revealed that in no neighborhood was the percentage of properties resold receiving any repair or alteration (major or minor) greater than 35%. More importantly, however, the percentage of properties which were actually rehabilitated prior to resale was consistently low (3%-16%).

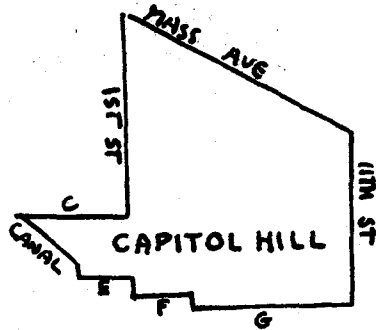
Speculation results in rapid inflation and drastically increased housing prices. In five neighborhoods, average semi annual price increases ranged from 43% to 86%.

Price and the income required to purchase increase in direct proportion to each other. Therefore, if in six months the average price of a home increased 43% to 86%, the average income needed to purchase also increased 43% to 86%.

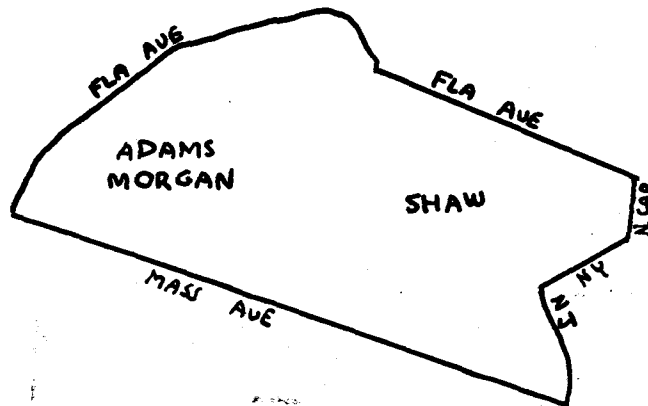
Speculative profit has become part of the cost of home ownership. Homeowners who sell to speculators must face the cost of replacement housing in the speculation-inflated market. First-time-homeowners bear the artificially high cost of new housing. Speculation exaggerates the inflationary trend in the city's high-demand housing market.

# Speculation in DC neighborhoods

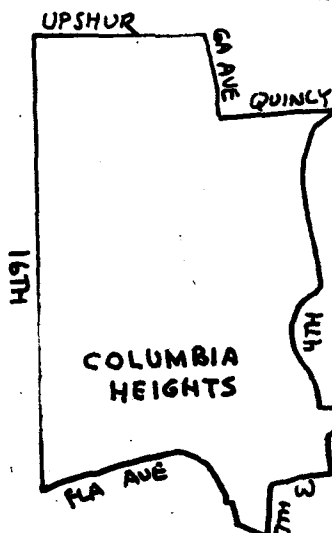
OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD 1972-1974



TOTAL NUMBER OF SALES: 553 or 7% of the city  
 NUMBER OF DOUBLE SALES IN STUDY PERIOD: 82 or 15% of all sales  
 AVERAGE PRICE OF FIRST & SECOND SALE: \$33,388 -- \$47,711 or a 43% increase  
 AVERAGE INCOME NEEDED FOR FIRST & SECOND SALE: \$13,355 - \$19,084  
 AVERAGE HOLDING TIME: 7.7 months  
 AVERAGE PROFIT ON ANNUAL BASIS: 67%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES IMPROVED IN ANY WAY PRIOR TO RESALE: 29%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES REHABILITATED PRIOR TO RESALE: 3%



TOTAL NUMBER OF SALES: 747 or 9% of sales in city  
 NUMBER OF DOUBLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 166  
 AVERAGE PRICE OF 1ST AND 2ND SALE: \$18,084 - \$27,952 or a 55% increase  
 AVERAGE INCOME NEEDED TO BUY FIRST & SECOND SALE: \$7,234 -- \$11,181  
 AVERAGE HOLDING TIME: 3.5 months  
 AVERAGE PROFIT ON ANNUAL BASIS: 121%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES IMPROVED IN ANY WAY PRIOR TO RESALE: 14%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES REHABILITATED PRIOR TO RESALE: 12%



TOTAL NUMBER OF SALES: 491 or 6% of all sales in city  
 NUMBER OF DOUBLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 118  
 NUMBER OF TRIPLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 3  
 AVERAGE PRICE OF FIRST AND SECOND SALE: \$13,812 -- \$22,734 or an increase of 65%  
 AVERAGE INCOME NEEDED TO BUY FIRST & SECOND SALE: \$5,524 -- \$9,093  
 AVERAGE HOLDING TIME: 5.3 months  
 AVERAGE PROFIT ON ANNUAL BASIS: 147%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES IMPROVED IN ANY WAY PRIOR TO RESALE: 34%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES REHABILITATED PRIOR TO RESALE: 5%

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# DC EYE

THE D.C. COMMITTEE FOR THE BILL OF RIGHTS (930 F St, NW, Room 300, DC 20004) has drafted a bill to protect privacy and the exercise of First Amendment rights in the city. This important measure has yet to be introduced in the city council but deserves strong public support. The bill would prohibit unlawful surveillance by officials of the city; outlaw wire tapping or electronic surveillance; prevent the divulging of illegally obtained information to any person or other government agency; prohibit city officials from disrupting any group engaged in lawful activities; provide citizens with access to files that have been kept on them; provide for the destruction of all illegally kept files after citizens have had time to get access to their own dossiers; and to provide for equitable relief for persons injured under the act. For more information call 234-0202.

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IN OUR OCTOBER ISSUE we ran an exclusive report that the city had overspent last fiscal year by about \$60 million. In late November the DC Municipal Research Bureau reported that "on a cash basis, the city had disbursements of \$942 million which exceeded the \$872.7 million receipts by \$69.3 million." Under an eight-column headline on its front page, the Post ran the story and took credit for having told Washingtonians about it earlier. What the Post didn't say was that Gazette readers got the word weeks prior and at the time we even sent the Post a news release to keep it up to date on what was happening in the city.

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ON OF THE NICE THINGS ABOUT JANUARY is that it brings an end to the anti-shoplifting campaign. This orgy of pro bono effort by the public relations and advertising folk even eclipses the graphics gorged campaigns for United Way. And we have always suspected that it doesn't work.

Apparently it doesn't. Despite the campaign slogan -- "Shoplifting is Dumb"-- the Board of Trade admits that shoplifting has increased 8% in the past year (that's more than \$25 million worth) and the Department of Commerce reports a 73 per cent shoplifting increase nationwide. So the shoplifters seem to be keeping up with the I.Q. of the merchants and almost with inflation as well.

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SPEAKING OF SINGS ON THE BACK OF BUSES what the hell is that poster about "Washington by George" meant to mean? What are those green splotches in the background? Some geography class drop-out's conception of the metropolitan area? Tom Eagleton's conception of Walter Washington? An unfinished silk screen? Why don't they use the space for some useful advice? Like "Please Extinguish Your Metrobus Before Leaving Vehicle."

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THE LAW establishing the ANC's gives about \$700,000 to the neighborhood groups. When the city council asked the mayor for the budget implications of its bill outlining the powers of the ANC's, the mayor came back with an estimate that it would cost the District Building \$2.9 million to provide liaison with the ANC's. Looked at one way, it's probably a fair estimate. We've always figured it cost city hall about four times as much to help a neighborhood to do something as it would for the neighborhood to do it itself. But this latest example of budget-stuffing by Big Wally was a little much for the council, so it wrote in an amendment to its bill telling the mayor not to spend any additional funds to carry out its work with the ANC's.

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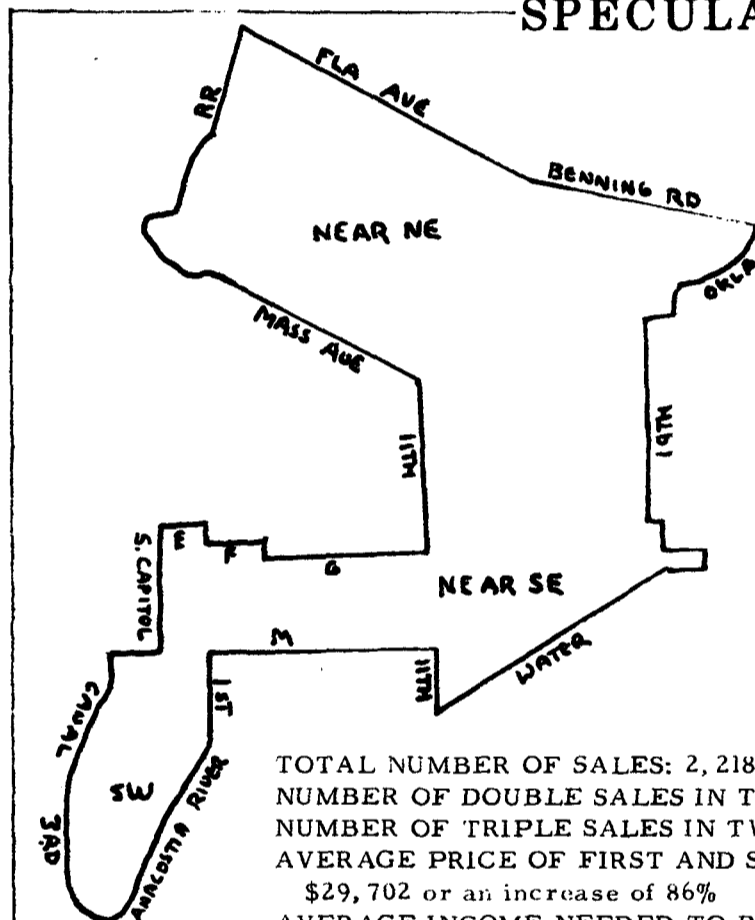
THE CENSOR OF THE MONTH is Virginia Keeler, Secretary of Georgetown University, who has ordered that G.U. radio station WGTB FM not accept any announcements or publicize the activities of the Washington Free Clinic. In a letter to the station on November 24th she stated that "given the fact that Georgetown is a Jesuit and a Catholic University, I believe it would be an egregious error for WGTB-FM in any way to mention, appear to sponsor or fundraise for the Washington Free Clinic. Therefore, I believe to accept any public service announcements from the Washington Free Clinic would be contrary to the stated goals and purposes of the University." WGTB is fighting the attempt at censorship, and Georgetown University has fired the station manager.

AT A RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE we asked the mayor whether he knew how the Metro capital deficit would be covered. He told us "If I could tell you at this point I would. . .Where it's coming from I just can't say. If I could answer that question today I believe WMATA, and the governors of Maryland and Virginia would be happy." Maybe Dear Abbie knows.

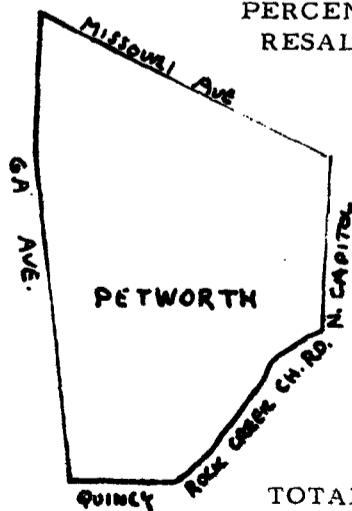
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OUR OTHER QUESTION OF THE MONTH was put to the staffer who answered the phone at the Star's Portfolio desk. It's the question all Earwigs want to know: is The Ear a man or a woman? Both, she claimed. "We all do it." Don't blame us, Earwigs, if Portfolio staffers dissemble.

## SPECULATION CONT'D



TOTAL NUMBER OF SALES: 2,218 or 27% of all sales in city  
 NUMBER OF DOUBLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 776  
 NUMBER OF TRIPLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 48  
 AVERAGE PRICE OF FIRST AND SECOND SALE: \$16,009 --  
 \$29,702 or an increase of 86%  
 AVERAGE INCOME NEEDED TO BUY FIRST & SECOND SALE:  
 \$6,404 - \$11,880  
 AVERAGE HOLDING TIME: 7.3 months  
 AVERAGE PROFIT ON ANNUAL BASIS: 142%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES IMPROVED IN ANY WAY PRIOR  
 TO RESALE: 31%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES REHABILITATED PRIOR TO  
 RESALE: 17%



TOTAL NUMBER OF SALES: 387 or 5% of the city  
 NUMBER OF DOUBLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 92  
 NUMBER OF TRIPLE SALES IN TWO YEAR PERIOD: 1  
 AVERAGE PRICE OF FIRST & SECOND SALE: \$16,853 -  
 \$25,126  
 AVERAGE INCOME NEEDED TO BUY FIRST & SECOND SALE:  
 \$6,741 - \$10,050 or an increase of 49%  
 AVERAGE HOLDING TIME: 3.8 months  
 AVERAGE PROFIT ON ANNUAL BASIS: 155%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES IMPROVED IN ANY WAY PRIOR  
 TO RESALE: 28%  
 PERCENT OF PROPERTIES REHABILITATED PRIOR TO RE -  
 SALE: 4%

## Massage & Dirty Old Mayors

WALTER Washington has jumped into the massage parlor controversy with a blue stocking bill worthy of an award from the Legion of Decency.

The problem with massage parlors is that some people find them morally offensive. Others, and a sizeable number based on economic extrapolations from indications of an apparently booming business, find them quite attractive. Still others, of uncertain quantity, are publicly appalled but have been privately pawed. As Sterling Tucker warned when the bill was introduced, several parlor operators in Northern Virginia claimed that their customers included those conducting the hearing at which they testified. It is, as William Spaulding says, "a touchy issue."

The zoning commission has already done as much as reasonably can, or should, be done about the parlors: it has issued an order restricting their establishment outside the downtown area to commercial strips. This is in the best tradition of urban heterogeneity. Those who want to limit their children to the more traditional forms of elementary and high school vice, such as drugs, are reasonably well protected; those who want to get a complete rub are given convenient and legal access. This is important for the health of a city. A city is not a conglomeration of common values and the effort to make it so is doomed both to failure and to aggravate alienation and tensions. The city should provide equal protection to the puritans and the hot to trot if for no other reason than that the two are not always mutually exclusive. When, a few years ago, the mayor of Selma got flim-flammed on 7th Street in the course of a little interracial escapade, a black cop told a reporter: "He's one of those sunrise to sunset segregationists."

The massage parlor is an interesting and important development in American sex economics and, on the whole, a rather salutary one. It has taken sex off the street-corners and out of the tawdry bookstores and given it a certain amount of petit bourgeois class. True it exploits workers and customers, but no worse probably than some of those elegant Georgetown stores that no one would think of banning. Over the long run it offers the potential of trade unionism for prostitutes and Kiwanis Club membership for pimps. After two hundred years of attempting unsuccessfully to suppress sex (a failure, incidentally, that has provided a major impetus to the growth of our gross national product), it is perhaps time to accept sex as one of the normal functions of life and seek ways to integrate it into our culture. Although we are surrounded by sex, sex symbols and sex controversy, it is psychiatrists, sexual moralists (ranging from the anti-sexual wing of feminism to Billy Graham), the Mafia, assorted hustlers and fad-skimmers, and advertising agencies providing sublimation in 30- and 60-second doses who have received more than their share of the benefits. Shoddy as the massage parlor scene may be, it at least represents a move towards normalizing sex — one small jerk forward for mankind.

Walter Washington, who heretofore has not been known to comment on the subject, has made his initial foray into the issue of sex with a sad and funny bill. Sad, because it represents legislative retrograde motion, an attempt to revitalize one of the most hypocritical and obsolete of American traditions: the imposition on others of moral values not markedly adhered to even by those doing the imposing or which are adhered to only grudgingly and out of fear, in which case the imposition is more directed at spreading one's own misery rather than seeking an improvement in the general wellbeing.

On the other hand, the bill makes quite diverting reading. It says at one point:

"The Mayor shall be responsible for...the preparation and administration of oral, written and demonstrative examinations, and for other matters related to the purposes of this act. It shall also be the duty of the Mayor, from time to time, to examine and inspect, or cause to be examined and inspected, all massage establishments and massage schools operated in the District of Columbia, and for this purpose the Mayor may enter and inspect any massage establishment or massage school at any reasonable time. . ."

Read literally, and at least some judges believe legislation should be read with a dictionary at hand, one might gather that this is a bill for the relief of Walter Washington, and thus somewhat in the same category as Charlie Diggs' effort to make it legal for out-of-town undertakers such as himself to practice here. While it is true that the mayor may delegate his responsibilities to the city's most notorious collection of dirty old men, the vice squad, it is also conceivable that Walter will consider this a matter of such public concern that he will want to become more directly involved. This

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THIS is our first update to the 1975-1976 Gazette Guide to DC Organizations. To update your guide, cross out the organizations in your guide listed under "Deletions" and clip out and insert this page in your guide.

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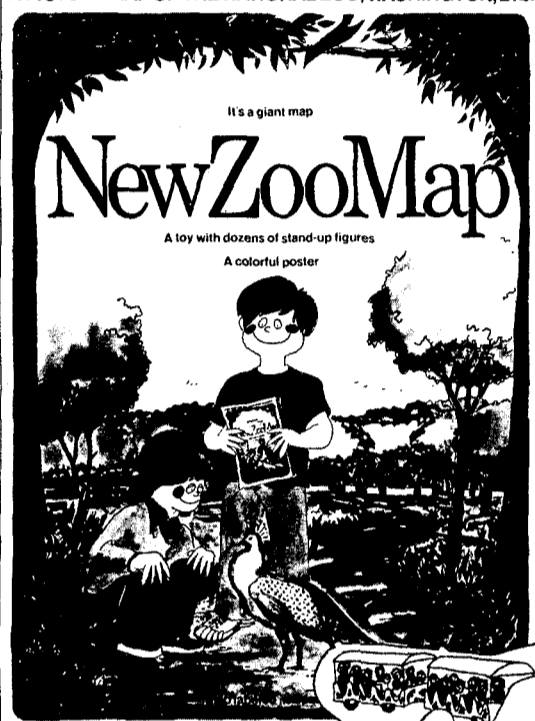
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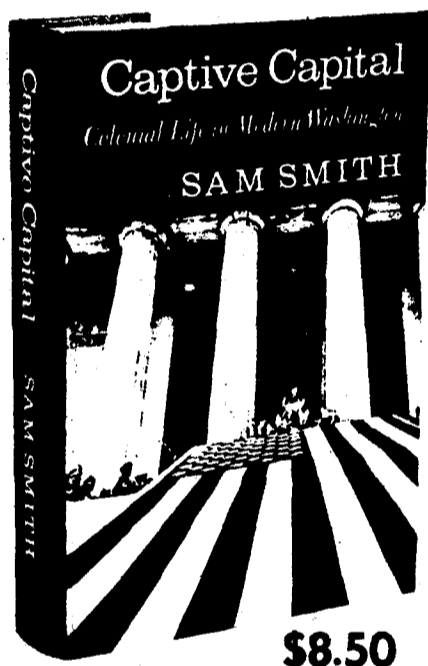
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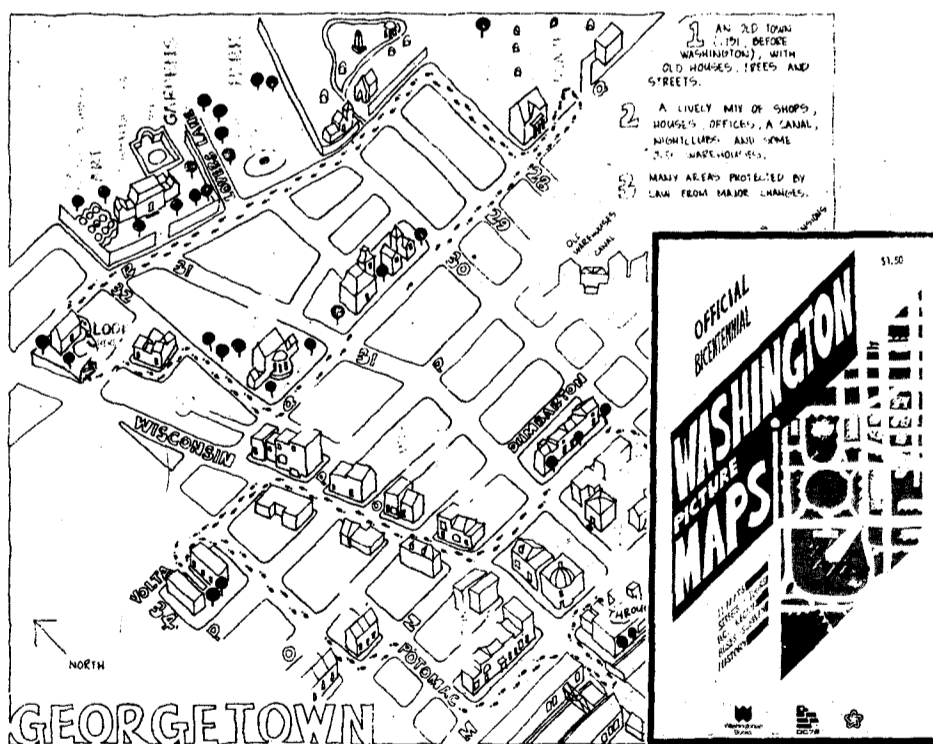
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DANIEL Ellsberg, the Chicago Seven and other victims of political prosecution acquitted in past years would likely have been convicted under provisions of Senate Bill 1. Under S-1, if you warn a person that he or she is being sought for arrest you could be imprisoned for up to seven years and fined \$100,000. If you are convicted of murder or certain crimes relating to "national security" you could be executed.

These are some of the implications of the Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975 now moving through Congress.

Attacked as virtually unamendable by groups ranging from the United Steel Workers to the National Lawyers Guild, the scope of the 753 page bill is vast. Its purpose is to "modernize" the entire criminal code, which since it was last revised in 1909 has become archaic and overly cumbersome and has been whittled away in certain key areas by Supreme Court decisions. The old criminal code is now considered inadequate by the government, especially in light of the large-scale protests that occurred in the 1960's.

The history of the bill goes back to 1966, when a National Commission on Reform of the Criminal Law was appointed by Lyndon Johnson, but the muscle in the present bill came thanks to Richard Nixon.

Attorney General John Mitchell, and later Richard Kleindienst, were assigned to give teeth to a Senate version of the judicial reform bill, and in late 1974 the Senate version and Nixon Administration versions were combined. With minor amendments it was introduced into the Senate last January 15, as Senate 1 (S-1) with the sponsorship of both the Democratic and Republican leadership in the Senate.

In practice, S-1 would provide the legal basis for political repression extending beyond what occurred during the McCarthy period in the 1950's. Constitutional guarantees relating to the Bill of Rights won in Supreme Court decisions would be nullified or circumvented. S-1 contains provisions ranging from a new law against possession of marijuana to new definitions of "sabotage" against the state.

The bill would circumvent the Supreme Court's Miranda ruling, which prohibits the use in court of statements made by a defendant before she or he is advised of the right to remain silent and

to have a lawyer. S-1 would make the failure to warn defendants of their rights a "circumstance" to be considered by a court in deciding whether or not a statement was "voluntary" and therefore admissible.

Defendants could be convicted for committing crimes they were induced to commit by police agents. The burden would be on the defendant to prove he or she was not "predisposed."

The bill resurrects the 1940 Smith Act on sedition (inciting discontent against the government) voided by a 1957 Supreme Court decision. Section 1103 of S-1 allows the government to charge an individual with inciting a "person to engage in imminent lawless conduct that would facilitate" the destruction of the federal or any state government. Conviction would bring up to fifteen years imprisonment and/or a \$100,000 fine.

New laws would be instituted against leaking "national security information" to the press -- such as the Pentagon papers -- and conviction would mean up to life imprisonment or the death penalty. It would be illegal to print such information, also.

Under the section on "Impairing Military Effectiveness by Issuing a False Statement," a journalist could be imprisoned for up to seven years for writing a story that contradicts the official military version.

Just some of the other provisions would extend government authority for wiretaps, limit demonstrations at court-houses and around the president, expand the obscenity law, make probation and parole more difficult to obtain, and reinstitute the death penalty for certain crimes.

At present, S-1 is sitting in the Senate Judiciary Committee, scheduled for discussion and amendments beginning this month. In that committee, certain provisions, particularly regarding national security information and the press are likely to be partially revised, according to a staffer of the Washington office of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation.

Opposition to the bill has come from many quarters. The American Civil Liberties Union, with the support of several senators, has introduced amendments into the Senate Judiciary Committee against the most repressive aspects of the bill. Editorials have appeared in 200 newspapers, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal opposing certain aspects of the bill, out of fear that the newspapers' power will be weakened.

The National Committee Against Re-

pressive Legislation has been conducting an educational campaign demanding that S-1 be totally blocked. NCARL opposes any attempt to amend S-1 in Congress, maintaining that 2600 amendments would be necessary to make the bill conform to the Bill of Rights. "In practice only 25 to 50 amendments are possible to bills in Congress," argues NCARL executive director Frank Wilkinson, and legislative compromise would inevitably mean that many repressive aspects of the bill would be passed.

Labor unions have been among those who have spoken out against S-1, attacking it as an infringement on civil rights which would threaten their ability to organize. The United Steelworkers say the bill is "unamendable -- it needs to be killed." The Amalgamated Meatcutters, the United Electrical Workers, the American Newspaper Guild, and the Colorado Federation of Labor have also spoken out against S-1. (LNS)

(For more information on S-1 contact the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation, 1250 Wilshire Blvd. (#501) Los Angeles, CA 10017. 213-481-2435.)

## Notes From the Real World

A STUDY OF 250 "flower children" of San Francisco's Haight-Asbury district found that a majority of the former drug users were actually much straighter than they had been in 1967. Researcher Dr. Stephen Pittel says that when he began to find that most drug users emerged from their psychedelic years with no ill effects at all; the federal government, which has been funding his study, lost interest. Pittel says that most of his subjects had taken LSD at least 150 times. He reports that almost all had lost interest in drugs, except for marijuana, by 1972 but that "their attitudes and beliefs and values remain strongly influenced by the psychedelic vision."

STUDIES IN THE SOVIET UNION indicate that people working near 400,000 volt power lines began to display such symptoms as instability of pulse and blood pressure, tremors of the arms and legs, sweating and even a marked decrease in sexual vigor. The Soviets, as a result, set strict limits on power line voltages back in 1971. As a result of the Russian studies, the Environmental Protection Agency has opened a formal investigation into the impact of high power lines on nearby populations.

A HARVARD SCIENTIST WARNS that the fertilizers we use on our crops are becoming a much greater hazard to the ozone level than all the aerosol spray cans in the world combined. Dr. Michael McElroy says that the use of nitrogen-based fertilizers is likely to reduce the entire ozone level by as much as one quarter of its present size during the next 25 years. This reduction, according to scientific calculations, may be enough to cause an additional 300,000 cases of skin cancer each year in the U.S. alone.

FROM GENERAL CREIGHTON ABRAMS: "It's good for a young person to work at Mc Donalds. It makes you an efficient person. If you make the wrong size hamburger you get fired. It is a smooth running machine that the army should emulate."



## THINGS TO READ THINGS TO DO

**DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES:** A film on Spain produced and directed by Abe Osheroff, one of the 3200 American "premature anti-fascists" who fought Franco in Spain. The film includes documentary footage of the civil war and of Spain today. Available from U.S. Committee for a Democratic Spain, 9 East 40th Street, 16th Floor, NYC, NY 10016.

**CAMPAIGN TO AID THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM:** A group seeking to assist in providing emergency relief to South Vietnamese war victims. Contributions are sought. PO Box 5094, Station A, Toronto, Ontario.

**PRISONERS' YELLOW PAGES:** Includes information about prisons and inmates -- legal resources, free literature, job assistance, educational assistance, prison unions and national action programs. Available from Outmates, PO Box 174, Storrs, Conn, 06268.

**A RESOURCE GUIDE ON ELECTRIC UTILITY ISSUES:** Lists studies, articles, briefs, testimonies and information packets for people working on utility issues. Also available is a pamphlet on how to challenge your local utility. Available from Environmental Action Foundation, Suite 724, Dupont Circle Building, DC 20036. (202) 659-1130.

**INDIGENA:** PUBLISHES A REGULAR NEWS-PAPER on India and America and has publications available on Indians. PO Box 4073, Berkeley, Calif., 94704.

**THE 21st CENTURY ORGANIZATION:** comprised of futurists, designers, inventors, students and others who have started the University of the 21st century in Los Angeles. For information write PO Box 75194, Los Angeles, Calif.

**HOW TO DO LEAFLETS, NEWSLETTERS AND NEWSPAPERS:** A 44 page book put together by Nancy Brigham and the Boston Community School with information on lay-out techniques, staff organization, style advice, photo and graphic reproduction, writing and editing. \$1.25 plus 25¢ postage and handling from New England Free Press, 60 Union Square, Somerville, Mass 02143.

**YOUTH AND TAXATION:** The December issue of FPS: A Magazine of Young People's Liberation, deals with the issue of young people facing taxation without representation. Copies of the issue are available for 60¢ from Youth Liberation, 2007 Wash-tenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, Mich 48104.

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT:** A new coalition to publicize the fact that it is possible to create jobs, conserve energy and natural resources, and protect the environment at the same time. They publish a newsletter. Info: 1785 Mass. Ave, NW, DC 20036.

**COFFEE HOUSE LIST:** Sing Out! is compiling a list of coffee houses which feature music. The list will be regularly updated. Information can be sent to Joan Pelton, 8 Lindberg Drive, Lathen, NY 12110. For a copy of the current list sent \$1.50 to Sing Out! at 106 West 28th Street, NYC, NY 1001.

**A LIST OF FOLKLORE SOCIETIES:** Available free from the Archive of Folk Music, Library of Congress Music Division, DC 20540.

**LIST OF FOLK FESTIVALS:** Available from the National Folklife Festival Assoc, Suite 1118, 1346 Conn. Ave, NW, DC 20036.

**GAY LIBERATION BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Just published 8 page bibliography of books, directories, articles, pamphlets, periodicals and audio-visual materials dealing with gay rights and gay liberation. Single copies are 25¢ from the Task Force for Gay Liberation, American Library Assoc., Box 2383, Phila., PA 19103.

**PEOPLES PARTY CAMPAIGN:** The Peoples Party has launched a campaign to put Presidential candidate Margaret Wright and Vice-Presidential candidate Benjamin Spock on the ballot in 25 to 30 states in 1976. Wright, a black feminist, and Spock were nominated at the Party's national convention last August. Anyone

interested in organizing ballot drives should contact the Peoples Party Ballot Access Project, c/o Peoples Party, 1 Thomas Circle, NW (#203) DC 20005 (202-737-7005).

**GAY PRISONERS NEWLETTER:** Join Hands is a new newsletter by and for gay prisoners. Subscriptions are \$4.00 per year from PO Box 42242, San Francisco CA 94142.

**THE 8th ANNUAL ROBERT KENNEDY** journalism awards program for outstanding coverage of the problems of the disadvantaged is now underway. Entries must be submitted by January 30. Info: Journalism Awards Committee, 1035 30th Street, NW, DC 20007.

**JOB HEALTH NEWS SERVICE:** A new publication of the Scientists Institute for Public Information, 49 E. 53rd St, NY, NY 10022 (212-688-4050).

## CITY LINES

WHILE there has been growing interest in urban food production, the magazine "Elements" reports that recently uncovered scientific data indicates that even "as innocent an institution as urban gardening is not immune from environmental pollution which plagues the cities of this country. Not surprisingly, plants, like people, are harmed by air pollution. . . . People who eat vegetables and fruits grown in polluted areas may be adversely affecting their own health. At worst, urban gardens may be poisoning those who eat food produced in them. Many scientists and food activists who accept this theory are refusing to eat food grown in cities and believe that due to the widespread nature of atmospheric pollution there is no longer any 'organic' food available in the U.S. While other scientists may think this is a simplistic assessment of the situation, the severity of these charges warrants investigation."

**SCHOOL** officials in Providence, Rhode Island, one of many cities with a declining school enrollment, are looking at a proposal that would adapt schools for part-time use as facilities for senior citizens. The schools might also be used for post high school training, for example, in public health. A recent consultant's report on the Providence schools indicated that nearly half of the schools in the city could be closed by 1982. The Providence system is thinking of sharing its buildings with senior citizen centers, public health centers, a motor vehicles registry and other agencies.

**WICHITA, KANSAS** has started a National Alliance of Financially Responsible Local Governments. To join, a city must actually collect money before it is list-

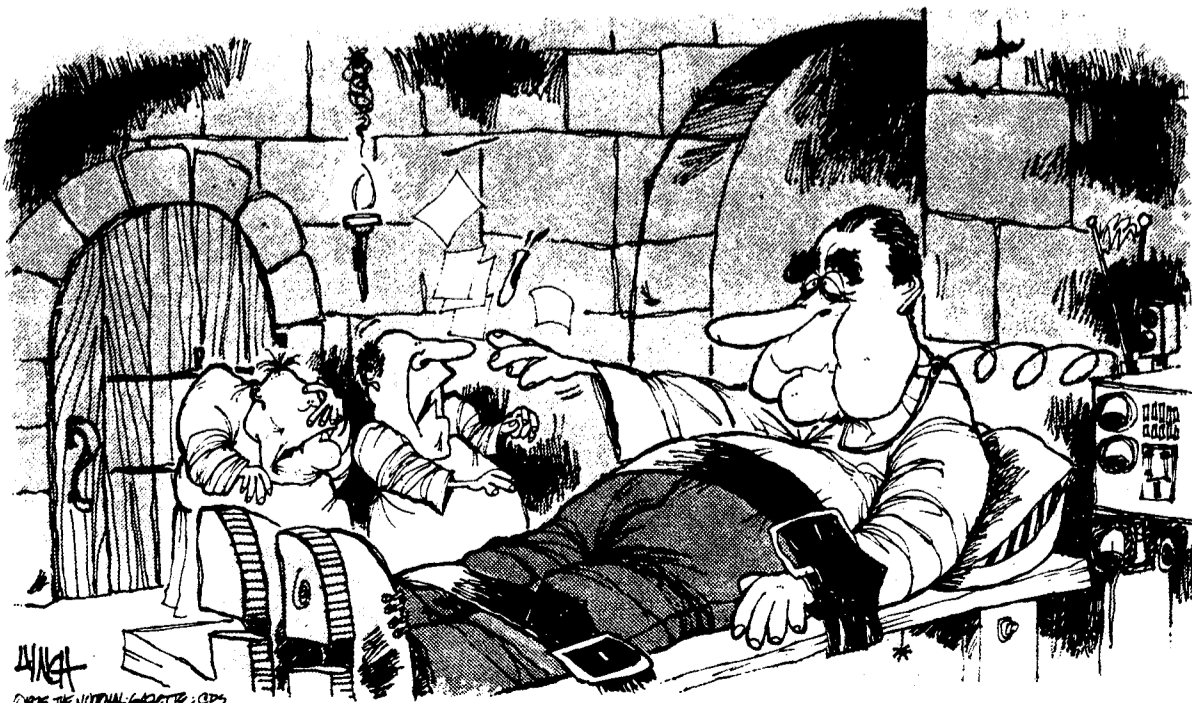
ed as revenue, not use long term debt to finance operating expenses and have its budget in the black. Among the cities represented in the alliance are Sacramento, Indianapolis, Cedar Rapids, St. Paul, Albuquerque and Dallas.

**HANDLING CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS:** It's a problem plaguing many cities. The way NYC handles it is by prohibiting the withdrawal of multiple-family units from the market for the purpose of condominium conversion unless 35% of the tenants have purchased units. There is also a state law that requires two years notice even after the required percentage has been achieved.

**TALKING TO A RECENT MEETING** of the Alliance for Neighborhood Government Karl Hess observed the advantages of smallness or decentralization and remarked that dinosaurs and cockroaches both existed in prehistoric times. The dinosaur soon proved too large to be practical and became extinct but the little cockroach is still with us. Hess said he believes, like Gandhi, that there should be only the villages and then the world as units of political and social organization. Nothing in between, such as nations.

**THE ALLIANCE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNMENT** urges individuals and neighborhood organizations to write to Rep. Pat Schroeder, Chairperson of the House Subcommittee on the Census, to urge her subcommittee to help neighborhoods get improved services from the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau does not now have low cost publications containing the neighborhood information they have gathered. It is difficult for citizens to get access to census information. The bureau has not staff assigned to the specific job of helping neighborhoods, although many staff members are assigned specifically to help business. The Census Bureau has local and national advisory committees but these do not now have neighborhood representatives. The Census Bureau does produce some limited information on a block basis but produces most of its information on a tract basis. Further tract boundaries do not usually coincide with neighborhood boundaries. The ANG wants public hearings on these questions. Letters can be addressed to Representative Schroeder, Subcommittee on the Census, House of Representatives, DC 20515.

**A STUDY BY THE CITIZENS COMMISSION** on Human Rights has found that thiorazine and other commonly prescribed tranquilizers may cause permanent and irreversible brain damage. The commission reports that most tranquilizers and anti-psychotic drugs are derived from the same chemical compounds that are used in dyes, insecticides and livestock deworming agents.



'IT LIVES!!'

# FLOTSAM & JETSAM

IT IS ONE OF THE CURIOSITIES of this dyspeptic decade through which we are bravely trudging, that despite federal Washington's inability to deal with any problem foreign or domestic there is a surfeit of individuals seeking a chance to share the honor of impotency. I could understand it if we were still back in those days when people actually wanted to do something with power; I could even appreciate its temptation if there were \$350,000 in cash lying around in a safe and offices to burgle or perjury to suborn. But to rise to the top of the Ford Administration? To triumph over Lloyd Bentsen? Even the ambitious should retain a bit of self-respect.

There are, to be sure, a few good old machiavellian manipulators like Kissinger, a few inveterate showmen like Moynihan, and occasional candidates with a program or idea, but for the most part the protagonists in the stories endlessly published of the struggle for supremacy in Washington seem like so many homecoming husbands in detergent commercials. Hi, honey. I had a hard day at the SALT Talks. Just look at my collar.

Still the tales of power burden our breakfast table. Some of them, primarily the trivia and gossip, are entertaining and useful. Reporting the pécadillos of the important is one of the true functions of the press; it allows ordinary people to maintain their sense of superiority over those better positioned, paid or partied than themselves and thus helps preserve a residue of democracy in America. Some are informative, such as Myra McPherson's illuminating recent book on politicians and marriage.

But much of the copy is as artificially contrived as the food sold in the ads that support the print. It is the hyperventilation of egos better left ignored; the marketing of non-returnable, no-deposit personalities; and the triumph of the writer over subject matter. When Sally Quinn can get three pages of insight into Page Lee Hufty published in the Post, (more than that paper has seen fit to give, for example, to the Senate crime bill, one of the worst pieces of legislation in recent memory) we learn (to our amazement) not only that Ms. Hufty is considered important but that in all probability Ms. Quinn is considered even more important to have gotten away with writing so much about her. This is not new journalism; but the new fiction -- using facts, real names and quotes as a clever guise to validate what is, at its core, a mythical story. Even after three pages, Quinn seems uncertain as to why Hufty has gotten as far as she has. But that's not really surprising; parents often find it hard to understand their children.

And then there are the stories of power which are unfortunately quite real. Presidential candidates, cabinet officers and senators have power and if, as is so often the case, they don't know what to do with it, that is something, dislike it as we may, with which we still have to live. The fortunes of these fumbling strikers comprise a goodly portion of the daily news diet and because the media is far more interested in the struggle than in what the struggle is about, we are seldom informed of the major fact, which is that it won't make much difference who wins and who loses.

Shortly before I started boycotting the Post (which I heartedly recommend for the duration of the strike; it is far easier than giving up grapes and healthier for you), I stumbled out my door to pick up my paper. The fold concealed the subject of the main story but I could tell from the size of the type that something important was happening. Retiring to the kitchen, I released the fold and found that spread across the top of the page was word that James Schlesinger and William Colby had been fired, Henry Kissinger had lost one of

his multitudinous hats, and George Bush and Donald Rumsfeld were now in power. A good story, but hardly worthy of eight columns of headline, especially since a major part of the article consisted of the news that Henry Jackson was upset by it all. Since I have seldom found myself in agreement with Jackson, I began thinking that perhaps President Ford had finally done something wonderful.

Now, six weeks later, I am still confused as to the import of the news, especially when combined with later word that, to quote His Accidency, "Elliot Roosevelt -- uh, Richardson" (how memorable they all are) was rushing back to take over Maurice Stans' old job at Commerce in these critical pre-election months. I only understand Nelson Rockefeller's withdrawal statement. Rockefeller, who knows the difference between power and its image, obviously wants to get back to running the world. But the rest of these guys?

There was Colby. It was good to see him go. But wait. Suddenly, it turns out that Colby is the darling of the committees investigating the CIA. Normally, one might suppose that the departure of the man responsible for some 20,000 to 40,000 assassinations in Vietnam might be cause for cheering in liberal circles. But not today in Washington. The liberals defend him. Phoenix Bill stays on for the duration of the investigation and addresses a convocation that calls itself "Pacem in Terris."

Ultimately, I suppose, Colby will be replaced by this other fellow, Bush. Unlike Colby, Bush has done nothing to make himself stand out in a crowd, a major reason he is considered a vice presidential possibility. He has risen to the top unobtrusively, the only way he could have made it.

Elliot Richardson, on the other hand, has bounced from post to post with carefully cultivated media attention. His fame largely rests on the fact that he has resigned from more positions than any other politician still in the running. His only achievement, however, was refusing to fire Archibald Cox and then resigning himself, an honorable act but hardly enough to justify the mystique that has developed around him. Does anyone really think anything will change at Commerce under his revered guidance? For that matter has anything ever changed at Commerce? Why am I wasting my second cup of coffee reading yet another story about Elliot Richardson when I could be watching the last leaves fall?

Then there is Donald Rumsfeld (the one with the beagle) and his predecessor Mr. Schlesinger (the one with the loosened tie). Mr. Rumsfeld is now powerful and Mr. Schlesinger is off the guest list. I should be interested, but the truth is I was only vaguely aware of Mr. Schlesinger's temporary access to power and I suspect that once the headlines die down I will find it easy to forget his successor. History suggests that if you want to make a mark for yourself as secretary of defense there's only one sure way to do it: start a war.

In short, all this shuffling about will probably produce little alteration in the course of American empire in its sunset years. It does, however, provide a good metaphor of Washington's attitude towards power. Power stripped of purpose. The purposefully powerful run oil companies and Teamsters locals and watch, amused no doubt, the collection of fireflies bumping into each other in the glass jar we call the Nation's Capital. The rest of the country, which long ago recognized the fraud being perpetrated here, is not amused. The jobs aren't there. The money is running out. Everyone knows times are getting harder. And Washington is a dry hole.

If you want an honest story out of Washington today, it's this: there is no

story. Those reports of presidential candidates and cabinet shuffles are just the cafe society talk of squabbles between alleged Polish counts, the petty glories and misfortunes of the Page Lee Huftys of politics. If you're looking for change, this is the wrong place. It's not just accident that the "extremist" presidential candidates (Harris on the left, Reagan and Wallace on the right) don't hold federal jobs. You don't get ahead in Washington wanting something to happen; and if you do want something to happen you're an extremist.

Of course, it's going to happen anyway. The nation is like Tigger, "the sort of Tigger who is always in front when you were showing him the way anywhere, and was generally out of sight when at last you came to the place and said proudly, 'Here we are!'" Sooner or later the country will get tired of waiting on Washington and tell it what to do. And when that happens Donald Rumsfeld, James Schlesinger and Page Lee Hufty probably won't even be items in a nostalgia quiz.

For though this is a town filled with images and though the federal city bows down to them, they are not graven. What is practiced here is a serial theology. The words of the lord are used to wrap the garbage and the next coming is announced in the Home Final. And in the end, it turns out that it is not words and lords that are being worshipped at all, but images. A ceaselessly changing flow of images, heralded and buried at an editor's cue. The selection, retention or rejection of the images is not a matter of individual decision. We have delegated our faith.

Jonathan Powers, writing on the op-ed page of the New York Times the other day, quoted Daniel Berrigan as having said: "Man can choose to walk away from his images as well as towards them." Washington just wouldn't understand that.

— SAM SMITH

## Notes From the Real World

SOME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES are not getting as much attention as they should. For example, Sam "Mr. Clean" Silverstein is running as an independent. His platform includes a plan to legalize gun ownership but decrease the velocity of bullets by 98%. He wants all Congress members to be taken off salary and placed on a straight commission basis and promises to eliminate Wednesdays from the calendar to create a four-day work week. He also proposes to issue postage stamps with nude photos of famous Americans in order to get the postal system out of debt and to appoint former President Nixon as the U.S. Ambassador to Cuba...Rolling Stone nut Hunter S. Thompson is also planning to run. He says he'll initiate a "dual surrogate presidency." This means that Ralph Nader will do all the work and Frank Mankiewicz will do all the talking. Thompson's further thoughts on politics: "If I were a politician I wouldn't talk to reporters at all. I'd have them all beaten up one by one."

ENVIRONMENTALIST Barry Commoner predicts that nuclear power plants will be economically impractical within the next ten years. He says that new economic studies have discovered that the capitol costs for the nuclear industry are going up three times as rapidly as those for coal-powered plants.

THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE defines a "Freedom of Information Officer" as "an officer who has been delegated authority under the provisions of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Freedom of Information regulation to deny access to department records."

THE ECONOMIST SAYS THAT REPORTS about the movie "Jaws" being the number one box office attraction just aren't true. Allowing for inflation, "Gone With the Wind" has taken in \$27 million more than "Jaws." "The Sound of Music" and the "Godfather" have also been more successful on an inflation corrected basis.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CALLEY has offered to join the Wallace Presidential campaign. Wallace's press aide says that Calley was told the "campaign office might call on him" for help in the future.

DESPITE PROGRESS TOWARD DECRIMINILIZING marijuana in some states the new official crime statistics released by the FBI show that the number of Americans arrested for pot violations last year soared to a record all-time high. 445,000 people were busted. 69% of all drug arrests in America were for marijuana offenses.

A MASSIVE INTELLIGENCE gathering operation conducted by the state of New York against 500,000 people and organizations was revealed recently by a committee of the New York State Assembly. The report stated that dossiers dated back to 1971 but that most of them were compiled while Nelson Rockefeller was Governor of New York. The findings directly contradict Vice President Rockefeller's sworn testimony to the Senate Rules Committee that he had never used the state police for any investigating purposes other than background checks for state appointees.

## MESSAGE CONT'D

is the problem with legislation on morals: who is going to protect Walter Washington's morals while he is protecting ours? (We know now that Lyndon Johnson used to scan salacious FBI files on top officials for bedtime reading.) Isn't it more important that we have a moral mayor than moral conventioners?

The bill also states that "it shall be unlawful for any person in a massage establishment to place his or her hands upon, to touch with any part of his or her body, to fondle in any manner, or to massage, a sexual or genital part of any other person."

Here we need a definition of "sexual part." There is none in the bill. While our experience may differ from that of His Honor in this regard, we have found, both empirically and pursuing the literature, that various areas of the body function as sexual parts under properly exquisite conditions even though this is not their primary purpose. We are told, although residual prudity prevents us from appreciating it, that for some people the feet perform most amazing functions. We think this is something the council should deal with in its legislative markup sessions. Knowing the police department's tendency to define things in remarkably broad ways, we don't believe the city council should go about outlawing contact with sexual parts without a clear understanding of which they are.

Frankly, this bill arouses prurient interest. Which, of course, is one of the purposes of such measures: legislative eroticism for those who get their rocks off investigating, suppressing and outlawing sex. A pallid substitute for the real thing but it seems to satisfy certain types of public officials. It's just too bad that their thrill is at other's expense.

SOVIET PREMIER Leonid Brezhnev recently warned the world that researchers had discovered what Brezhnev called "exotic weapons" whose existence could imperil the present arms agreements.

Brezhnev, however, declined to specify what these new "exotic weapons" were.

Now, the International Herald-Tribune is out with an account of the possible new weapons, suggesting that Brezhnev may have been talking about the "vibratory annihilator."

According to the Herald-Tribune, the "vibratory annihilator" is based on French ultrasound research. The weapon reportedly employs powerful, low-frequency sound waves to kill humans and other animals. According to the newspaper, the Russian device may be capable of creating earthquake-type damage at ranges of eight to ten miles.

Reportedly, low-level but intense sound waves are given off. These vibrations then kill people by causing massive internal injuries.

A TWO-YEAR STUDY at Longwood College in Virginia has found that television sets are on the verge of becoming more popular with young children than their own fathers.

Psychologist Doctor Jung Bay Ra reports he asked groups of children aged four to six the question: "Which do you like better, T.V. or Daddy?"

The psychologist says that 44 percent of the children questioned chose the tube over their own fathers, while 56 percent favored Daddy. Dr. Ra says only 20 percent of the children chose television over their mothers.

PACIFIC news Service reports that 13 million children have become the latest targets for government spying into the lives of US citizens.

Pacific News says that the department of Health, Education and Welfare is compiling extensive dossiers on the children of the poor by offering free medical tests for all children whose families fall below the poverty lines.

## Some ANC History

THE ANTIPATHY OF Sterling Tucker and a number of other city council members to the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions is clear enough. The council last month passed legislation granting powers to the commissions that limits the scope of the commissions, especially in running programs and fund-raising, to a degree not intended by the enabling Congressional legislation. The bill, in fact, is the first case of the council passing a measure more restrictive than that approved by Congress.

Now it develops, from soon-to-be-published transcripts of congressional mark-up sessions on the legislation, that the council members are not the only local officials who have been quietly working in opposition to the commissions. Walter Fauntroy did not like the idea and supported a move in the House District Committee to delete the ANCs from the home rule bill. The transcript is revealing:

MR. FAUNTROY: So I hope you would consider not requiring that [ANCs] as an additional function of the council at this time, but perhaps a thorough study of that be done by day certain with a view of assuring Congress that the elected would have the benefit of a structured neighborhood advisory function.

Fauntroy saw the commissions as a patronage base for local politicians and at one point commented: "I would be happy to have a Neighborhood Advisory Council elected with the ability to staff their capacity to advise the delegate."

At a later point:

MR. SENER: What kind of programs will they be conducting in the neighborhood, as opposed to the other city agencies?

MR. FAUNTROY: Ward precinct organization.

Donald Fraser, the congressman who introduced the ANC bill, then explained: "There has to be a public purpose; it cannot be a political or private purpose. I might be recreation programs of the kind that civic organizations would undertake."

Again:

MR. REES: Many people consider neighborhood councils to be anti-incumbent, and many incumbents might not like the neighborhood councils.

MR. FRASER: I think you are right. An elected public official would not ordinarily vote for this.

It was, in fact, this probability that encouraged Fraser to press for inclusion of the ANCs in the home rule bill. The fear was that the elected city council would not want them. As it turns out, from the council's whittling of the ANCs power, the fear was justified.

Fauntroy raised the patronage potential once more, to the annoyance of Fraser, who responded:

MR. FRASER: You talk about pork barrelling. I wonder what you are talking about. Your staff salary which you are allotted to hire people practically equals all the money here. . . Now you are worried about some local citizen non-paid participants at the neighborhood level being able to hire one person collectively or have a person. . . I have to say that I am a little irritated with that concept. I am respectful of what the gentleman is doing. It escapes me as to what kind of rationale makes your operation purer than this pork barrel operation.

The mayor also responded to the issue on October 31, 1975. His comments, circuitous as always, add up to an expression of distaste for the ANCs. Although he starts out speaking of the idea's "thoroughly laudable purposes" he goes on to list existing advisory bodies in the city. Then he complains:

It is the District's concern that the creation of a separate, statutory structure outside the executive branch would cause confusion and overlapping with existing instrumentalities. It is our feeling that authority to create such councils should lodge with the Mayor and Council, but that the precise structure should be determined by them rather than as part of the home rule measure. . . There is particular concern about the automatic diversion of District revenue to these councils.

The ANCs might never have come to existence if his advice had been followed. Representative Fraser pushed ahead and, for a change, someone on the Hill did us a favor. In view of the attempted scuttling of the ANCs by the mayor, delegate and some city councilmembers, those involved with the commissions must pay close attention for signs of further mischief directed against one of the most important new concepts in urban government.

# KEY COUNCIL VOTES

| COUNCIL MEMBER    | VOTE 69 | VOTE 70 | VOTE 71 | CUMULATIVE + - NV A | RATING % | ABSENT % |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Marion Barry      | A       | A       | A       | 37 21 2 10          | 62%      | 14%      |
| David Clarke      | +       | +       | -       | 45 23 0 3           | 66%      | 4%       |
| James Coates      | +       | +       | -       | 41 22 0 8           | 65%      | 11%      |
| Arrington Dixon   | +       | +       | -       | 38 25 6 1           | 55%      | 1%       |
| Willie Hardy      | +       | +       | -       | 40 29 0 1           | 58%      | 1%       |
| Julius Hobson     | A       | A       | A       | 29 12 0 30          | 71%      | 42%      |
| Doug Moore        | +       | +       | -       | 40 20 0 11          | 67%      | 15%      |
| Jerry Moore       | -       | -       | -       | 24 30 0 17          | 44%      | 24%      |
| Polly Shackleton  | +       | +       | -       | 43 25 1 2           | 62%      | 3%       |
| William Spaulding | +       | +       | -       | 34 31 5 0           | 49%      | 0%       |
| Sterling Tucker   | A       | A       | A       | 30 38 0 3           | 44%      | 4%       |
| John Wilson       | +       | +       | -       | 34 28 0 9           | 55%      | 13%      |
| Nadine Winter     | +       | +       | -       | 41 28 1 0           | 59%      | 0%       |
| PROS              | 9       | 9       | 9       |                     |          |          |
| CON               | 1       | 1       | 1       |                     |          |          |

OVERALL COUNCIL AVERAGE: 37 (+) votes, 34 (-) votes = 52%

69. Second reading of bill lowering the age of majority in the city to 18. Jerry Moore, who had supported the bill on first reading, switched. (+ = support)

70. Second reading of bill to permit patrons of restaurants and hotels to drink standing up and to extend the hours permitted for liquor stores to operate. Jerry Moore switched his vote on this one, too. (+ = support)

71. First reading of bill outlining the powers of the ANC's. The council, fearful of the ANC's and anxious to keep them in their place, generally ignored recommendations of citizen task forces and created a bill with less powers than those permitted by the enabling congressional legislation. (+ = opposition)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**GUIDE TO DC FOUNDATIONS;** 2nd edition of a survey of local foundations. Where and how they give away their money. \$8 a copy from Guide Publishers, PO Box 5849, DC 20014

**TWO LONGTIME HOUSING** organizations have merged. The Housing Opportunities Council has become a part of the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Assn. Both groups are now headquartered at 1225 K NW, DC 20005. (737-3700)

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR GARDEN:** Four week seminar conducted by the Washington Extension Service. Begins Jan. 8 at 730 pm at the 2nd District police station on Idaho Ave. NW at Newark St.

**A SERIES OF LECTURES ON Jews** in history is taking place at the Adas Israel Congregation in cooperation with the Department of Jewish Studies at American University. Programs begin at 830 pm and the public is invited. The congregation is at Connecticut Ave. and Porter NW. The next two lectures will be on Jan. 16 and Feb. 13.

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY** has a special program for those who wish to pursue their education but who are relocated frequently. To find out about it call 686-2500 or write the Mobility Clause Program, College of Continuing Education, American University, DC 20016. Registration for the spring term is Jan. 15-17.

**A COURSE ON** equal employment contract compliance is being taught at Southeastern University, beginning Jan. 6. The course meets twice a week in the early evening and is useful with those interested in equal employment compliance for government contractors. Info: 488-8162. . . . Southeastern is also offering a course on small business accounting.

**HEARINGS ON** the confirmation of three nominees to the new boxing and wrestling commission will take place on Jan. 16 at 2 pm at the

city council. The three nominees are York Van Nixon Jr., Bobby Mitchell and Deputy Chief Burtel Jefferson. Info: Gwyn Lee, 638-2223.

**FOR A COPY OF THE** winter classes at the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture, call 447-4419.

**WINTER CLASSES** in arts & crafts at Glen Echo: For brochure write Glen Echo Park, National Park Service, MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md. 20768.

**THE MINIMUM WAGE** for household workers in \$2.50 an hour effective Jan. 9. For copies of the wage order, write, Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board, 614 H NW, room 615, DC 20001 (629-3565)

**THE WHOLLY BAGEL COFFEEHOUSE,** 2121 Decatur Pl, NW offers programs every other Sunday evening at 7 pm. The schedule includes:

Jan 4 - "What is Breira?" Rabbi David Saperstein

Jan 18 - "The Kosher Kitchen -- Serve The people."

Feb 1 - "Responses to Growing Older," Gray Panthers and the Jewish Council on the Aging.

Info: 234-2856.

**THERE WILL BE A HEARING** on January 20 at 2 pm at the City Council on the apartheid resolution. This resolution directs the government to halt all business with Control Data, IBM, ITT, Motorola until they have terminated all operations with South Africa and Namibia. To testify call Gwyn Lee at 638-2223 or 629-3806.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET** you can register to vote in the ANC elections, which will take place on Feb 3, by registering prior to 5 pm on Jan 4. You can register at the Board of Elections at the District Building or at all Public Libraries during normal hours.

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposed Freedom of Information Act and a Privacy Act on Jan 28 at the City Council chambers, 10 am, 2 pm and 7:30 pm. If you want to testify contact Betty Mitchell at 638-2223 or 629-3806.

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING** on Jan 27 at 2 pm and 7 pm in Council chambers on legislation regulating medical records and the confidentiality of certain information obtained by psychiatrists and psychologists. To testify call Betty Mitchell at 638-2223 or 629-3806.

**COUNCILMEMBER JERRY MOORE** is developing legislation to regulate the operation of motorized bicycles or mopeds in the city. Public hearings will be scheduled on the issue. For more information contact Tony Rachal or Gregg Swartz at 638-2223 or 629-3806.

**A CLASS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND** School of Architecture and the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association have prepared two reports on old Anacostia. The reports include a design guide for the exterior rehabilitation of buildings, including simple to follow advice on what works and what doesn't; a study of community preservation resources and some historical background. The design guide will be distributed at no cost to each resident in old Anacostia. The two reports received a special historic preservation award last year from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Info: Sam Parker at 737-3700.

**NEEDED:** Volunteers to staff telephone hotline in field of child abuse. Training will be provided in crisis intervention and problem solving to help families under stress. No previous experience or expertise is necessary. Sign up now for rewarding volunteer work in the new year! To sign up for January training, or for more information call: 965-1800, 333-4044, or in the evening, 333-5615.

**THE Women's Medical Center** is offering a women's self defense class, beginning January 14th. Classes will meet every Tuesday evening, for six weeks, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the center, 1712 I, NW

The six sessions are under the guidance of a second degree black belt Judo instructor. The main emphasis will be on a 'situational approach' where participants will learn how to act when physically threatened. Anti-rape, anti-mugging techniques and disarmament will be implemented. \$25 fee. Info: Beth or Betty at 298-9227.

## BILLS

**DAVID CLARKE** has introduced an amendment to the condominium bill designed to control the displacement of tenants from existing rental units which are proposed for conversion to condominiums. The amendment would provide that, so long as the city has a vacancy rate of less than 3%, no rental units could be converted unless fifty percent of tenants agreed in writing to it or the building was a higher income structure. There are other restrictions.

## Classifieds

Classified ads are \$1 for the first 20 words and 5¢ for each additional word. Payment must be enclosed with ad. Deadline: Third Tuesday of the month. Mail to DC Gazette, 109 8th St. NE, DC 20002.

**FAMILY & COUPLE COUNSELING** by experienced counselor. Call (202)332-7320.

**YOGA:** technique for well-being of body and mind. Thursdays, 7:15-9:00 pm, 7701 16th St. NW. Jan. 15-Feb. 26. \$20. Catherine Clark, 829-6882.

**A BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED ON BEHALF** of the mayor to allow the District of Columbia to participate in the federal flood insurance program. The bill would provide for the mayor to review building permits to determine whether a site will be reasonably safe from flooding. If it is not he can require design modifications to improve safety. Curiously, the bill does not provide for the prohibition of building structures in flood hazard areas but in this matter, as in so many cases, the tax base comes before environmental wisdom.

**COUNCILMEMBER NADINE WINTER** has introduced a resolution which would establish a municipal banking commission. Winter has been an advocate of a public bank in the city, a very sound proposal that should be pursued.

**STERLING TUCKER** has reintroduced the urban development corporation idea as a bill that is now before the city council. His bill is an improvement on Walter Fauntroy's old proposal which the Gazette opposed and helped kill. There is somewhat better public control of the corporation and the corporation would have to sell its own bonds on a project by project basis rather than having them backed by the full faith and credit of the city. But the measure would still create a super RLA that could rip through neighborhoods clearing blocks of homes and community facilities in order to make some developer a fast buck.

• The development corporation would have the power of eminent domain. The long, sad story of urban renewal has been, at its core, the use of eminent domain power not for public necessity but for private profit. This bill would continue and strengthen this vicious urban tradition. There is no reason to give a development corporation eminent domain power other than to force people out of places they don't want to leave.

• As Tucker himself says, the bill would permit the corporation to "curtail cumbersome public review processes." Those processes may be "cumbersome" for developers but they are quite helpful for us.

• The bill would permit some of the costs of land acquisitions to be written off by the corporation. This is another concept out of urban renewal -- a public subsidy of private interests.

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THE STUDENTS AT THE WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL of the Arts and Neighborhood Planning Councils #6 and #13 have come out with another edition of "Cityscape" magazine. This issue, the third in the Foxfire-like series, contains articles about old time Georgetowners, a stone carver at the Washington Cathedral and two old Washington businesses. There is also a section Adams-Morgan, its history and present activities. Copies are \$1, available from Cityscape, Western High School of the Arts, 35th and R, NW, DC 20007 (338-0984).

THE INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL SELF RELIANCE is holding a series of classes on self-reliant urban communities. The classes meet from 8-10 p.m. at 1717 18th St, NW. They include: Jan. 7, Energy/Photovoltaic cells-technology and problems; Jan 14, Energy-Solar Heating and Cooling; Jan 21, Waste Utilization/Sewage; Jan 28, Waste Utilization/Solid Waste; Feb 4, Production/Decentralized Ecological Industry within Neighborhoods. A donation of \$3 per session is requested. To register for further information call 462-3722 or 232-4108.

MORE THAN 60 COLLEGE LEVEL courses will be offered after working hours this spring through the Federal After Hours Education Program. Their courses offer the opportunity to get a degree in arts, bachelor of science and master of science. Courses cover a wide variety of subjects. Registration will be held on Jan. 6 and 7. Info: 676-7018.

CAMPUS MINISTRY DIRECTORY, WASHINGTON AREA 1975-76 has been published to assist clergy who are serving local congregations. The directory includes part and full time chaplains and religious advisors. Contact Rev. Robert Gribbon, Montgomery College, Rockville, Md. 20850.

THE STORY OF THE CONSTRUCTION of the Potomac Aqueduct is told in a new publication, "Building the Potomac Aqueduct, 1830," by Donald Beekman Myer. It is published by the Preservation Press of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is available from the National Trust Preservation Bookshop, 740 Jackson Place, NW for \$1 plus 10¢ postage.

THE DC PROJECT ON COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND STREET LAW has prepared a series of questions and answers on the Rental Accommodation Act. This is a very useful document and can be obtained by contacting the project at 412 5th St, NW DC 20001 (624-8235).

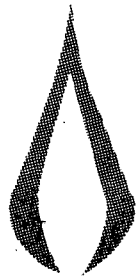
THE WASHINGTON EAR, A NON-PROFIT CLOSED CIRCUIT RADIO service for the blind and physically handicapped, celebrated its first anniversary in November. The Ear operates seven days a week and includes readings from local newspapers, food ads, selections from current plays, best-selling fiction and non-fiction, and special shows on sports, music and home management. The Washington Ear is

totally volunteer served and contributions and offers of time can be made to it at 10111 Colesville Rd, Rte 125, Silver Spring, Md. (681-6636).

WMAL RADIO HAS PREPARED A LIST of all agencies in the Metropolitan area which are especially equipped to deal with the problems faced by the juvenile victims of sexual and physical abuse in their families. Copies of the list are available free by writing "abused," WMAL Radio, Box 60, DC 20044.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION meets on Jan 8 at 9:30 am, 1325 G NW, Conference Room, 10th floor. Info: 382-1161.

ON JAN. 4 MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION will give a talk at the Community for Creative Non-violence, 1239 N, NW, 7 p.m. They will talk on the principles of the American Revolution and will examine the contemporary economic system. On Jan 18, at the Community for Creative Non-violence, Dennis Goulet, an author and lecturer in the areas of development, ethics and the plight of third world nations, will speak. Info: 265-7559.



## PLAY IT SAFE.

### Some basic precautions for using natural gas safely

Inspect your chimney and flue pipe to make sure they are in good condition and provide a good draft. A clogged chimney is a hazard.

Never allow an addition to be built on your home without first being sure no gas lines are underneath it.

If you cover your chimney flue with wire screening to keep out birds and leaves, be sure to use coarse (half-inch or larger) wire mesh. Finer mesh can clog and become hazardous.

Your gas furnace and water heater must be properly vented to the outside of the building with a sufficient flow of air available at all times in and around this equipment. If you have any doubt about this, have them checked by a qualified heating contractor, at once.

Always keep the area near your furnace free of paints, solvents, papers, rags and other combustibles.

### If you smell gas...

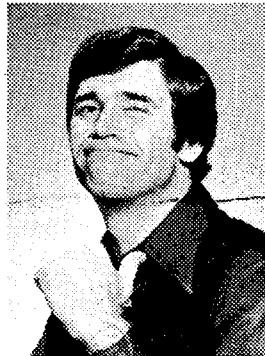
Although natural gas is odorless in its natural state, we add a disagreeable smell to make it easily detectable in case any should escape.

Gas leakage may occur from faulty appliances, loose connections, service lines inside or outside your home, or from gas mains. Such leakage can be dangerous and should be dealt with promptly by experts.

If you ever smell gas—even if you do not use it in your own home, call Washington Gas immediately at 750-1000.

If the odor is very strong and you are indoors, open windows and doors to ventilate. Go outside. Call us from a neighbor's house.

Do not turn any electrical switches on or off. And do not light matches, smoke cigarettes or create any source of combustion.



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DON'T TEAR IT DOWN has hired Betts Abel as its new executive director. She came to DTID from the National Trust. Don't Tear It Down is located at 1906 Sunderland Place, NW (#402) and the telephone number is 223-1247.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY offers a master's degree in Historic Preservation. The preservation program offers areas of specialization in history, urban and regional planning and American studies. Contact Professor Frederick Gutheim, 676-6070.

HEARINGS ON the confirmation of nominees to the Rental Accommodations Commission will take place at 2 pm on Jan. 8 at the city council. The proposed public members are Louise Garner, Emmanuel Lipscomb, Herbert Franklin; the proposed tenant members are Vivien Cunningham, Marie Nahikian and Judy Walton; and the proposed landlord members are Raymond Howar, Ronald Goodwin and Flaxie Pinkett. Info about testifying Gwyn Lee, 638-2223.